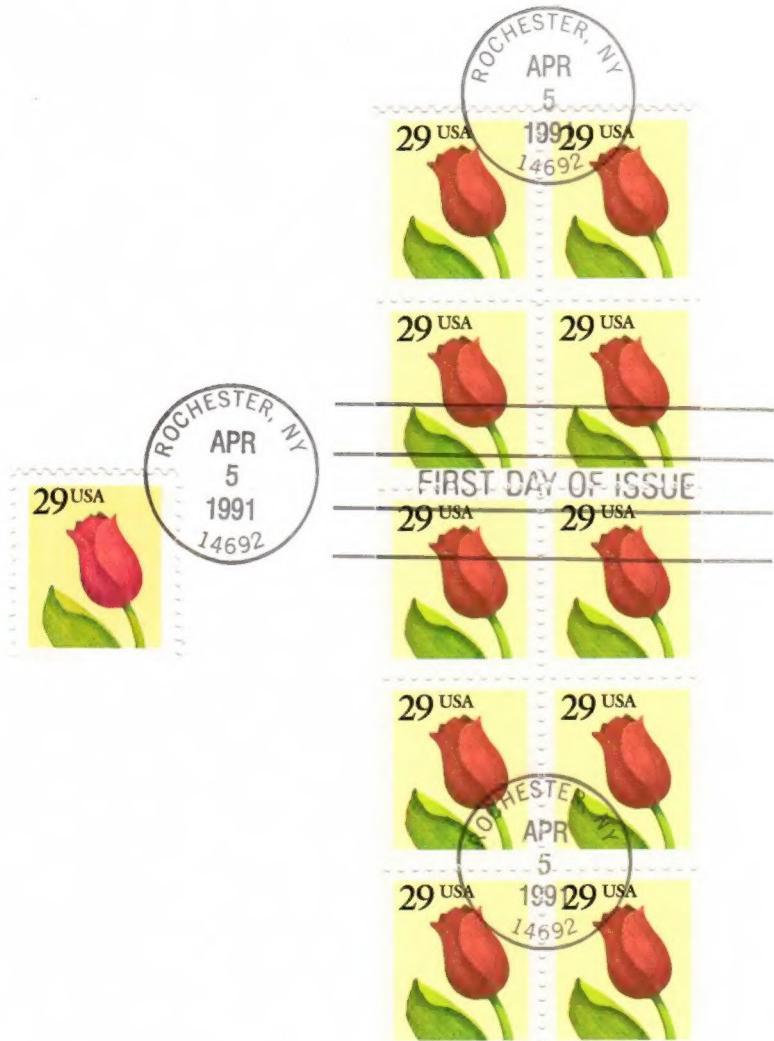






The hobby of stamp collecting is the world's most popular, with over 20 million philatelists in the United States alone. It provides young and old alike with unlimited opportunities--opportunities to learn about, be inspired by, and celebrate the accomplishments that span human endeavor.

Also, stamp collecting is just plain fun. The U.S. Postal Service considers stamp collectors its partners in efforts to promote the hobby. Through an innovative stamp program and participation in stamp shows, the Postal Service is committed to expanding the popularity and improving the quality of philately in America and around the world.





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